

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2766 – SB 2970

February 10, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the County Technical Advisory Service (CTAS) to conduct a study of the salaries of county librarians within Tennessee and compare to those salaries in bordering states. Requires CTAS to recommend whether a minimum pay scale is needed for county librarians in this state, and if so, recommend the appropriate minimum pay scale. Further requires CTAS to submit the results of the study to the State and Local Government Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives on or before January 1, 2013.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$10,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- According to CTAS, this study may be contracted out to another division within the University of Tennessee (UT).
- To complete the study, resources will be needed to collect and record salary information from Tennessee counties, as well as from the counties of contiguous states. Once collected and recorded, such data will have to be analyzed for the purpose of completing a comprehensive report.
- The proposed study will require resources equivalent to eight field staff positions working at least ten hours for the collection, recording, and analyzing of salaries for Tennessee county librarians, plus an additional ten hours in order to collect, record, and analyze salaries of county librarians from other states.
- The one-time cost for conducting the study, creating a report with recommendations, and providing the report to the General Assembly is estimated to be \$10,000.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-9-402, CTAS is considered an institute for public service.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-9-401(b)(2), institutes for public service are funded with state funds via the general appropriations act.
- Regardless whether performed by CTAS or another UT division, the study will require an additional appropriation of \$10,000 from the general fund.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucian D. Geise', written in a cursive style.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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